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SUBJECT: FY '1979 GRANT FOR COUNSELING ACTIVITIES

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER FOLLOW-UP GRANT FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR CONTINUING OUR PROGRAM OF EMPLOYING COMMUNITY COUNSELORS WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON DRUG COUNSELING. THIS PROGRAM HAS NOW BEEN OPERATING OVER THREE MONTHS AND WE HAVE BEEN VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE RESULTS TO DATE. A REVIEW OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT (SENT IN UNDER COVER OFIN OM ON OCTOBER 17, 1977) WILL GIVE AN IDEA OF PROGRESS THUS FAR. BASED ON THIS EXPERIENCE, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THIS PROGRAM IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL TO OUR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM IN GENERAL AND OUR ANTI-DRUG, ANTI-ALCOHOL ABUSE PROGRAM IN PARTICULAR.

2. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THIS GRANT REPRESENTS THE SOLE USG CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY'S EFFORTS IN THE AREA OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DRUG PREVENTION. WE ESTIMATE THAT IT REPRESENTS ROUGHLY A THIRD OF THE TOTAL RESOURCES THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS COMMITTED IN THIS AREA. GIVEN THE SIZE OF THE OFFICIAL USG CONTINGENT HERE IN RELATION TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, THIS PROPORTION DOES NOT SEEM EXCESSIVE.

3. OF PARTICULAR NOTE HAS BEEN THE TREMENDOUS WORK OUR COUNSELORS HAVE DONE IN ASSISTING SPOUSES
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IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS WORK WITH BOTH CHILDREN AND SPOUSES FITS IN DIRECTLY WITH THE CONCERN SHOWN RECENTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THIS IMPORTANT AREA. AS SUCH, IT IS MAKING A DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO MORALE AT THIS POST AND WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT IT SHOULD CONTINUE.

4. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REQUEST THAT CONSIDERATION
BE GIVEN TO RAISING NEXT YEAR'S GRANT FROM \$25,000
TO \$30,000. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO BETTER COVER OUR
EXPENSES AS WELL AS OFFERING A SMALL SALARY INCREASE
TO OUR TWO COUNSELORS WHO ARE WORKING WELL IN EXCESS
OF THE NORMAL REQUIREMENTS OF A JOB FOR LESS THAN
A FULL SALARY FOR EACH.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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